

## Minutes

### **Judicial Education Committee Meeting**

**July 16, 2004—1:00 – 3:30 p.m.**

**National City Center, Room 1071**

1. **Committee Members present:** Earl Penrod (Chair), Ted Boehm, Chris Burnham, Barbara Collins, Steve David, Greg Donat, Bob Freese, Barbara Harcourt, Jane Magnus-Stinson, Doug Morton, Maggie Robb, Ted Todd, Mike Witte.
2. **Staff present:** Cathy Springer, Vicki Davis, and Anne Jordan.
3. **Minutes:** The minutes from the May meeting were approved as submitted.
4. **Review of recent programs.**
  - a. Graduate Program for Judges, June 6-11. Another class successfully completed the Graduate Program. Participants were pleased with the faculty. Staff announced the Planning Committee is considering a reunion for the previous two classes in 2005, rather than starting a new class. A suggestion was made that judges who have been through the program invite others to attend in future years.
  - b. Juvenile Court Judicial Officers Annual Meeting, June 24-25. This year was a collaboration between judicial officers and child welfare stakeholders such as OFC directors, DFC policy personnel, OFC attorneys, and CASA/GAL, and was sponsored by the Court Improvement Program. There were 250 people in attendance on Thursday, June 24. The program on Friday, June 25th was the traditional conference for judicial officers only.
5. **Preview of Annual Meeting of Judicial Conference—Sept. 22-24.** The tentative agenda was handed out and each day was briefly discussed. The committee agreed that a session with DOC would be beneficial, and provided several topics they would like to see discussed at the session.
6. **2004 Programs.**
  - a. City and Town Court Judges, October 21-22. Staff announced the program is 90% in place and will include sessions on: misdemeanor/infraction case study discussions, courtroom control and contempt of court procedures, ethics session, and infraction bench trial procedures. A suggestion was made to include a session dealing with Administrative Rule 9.
  - b. Pre-Bench Orientation, December 8-9. The agenda is in place. The committee discussed a draft letter written by Judge Penrod from this committee to the Chief Justice that would require attendance of new

judicial officers at the orientation programs. Since there are several issues yet to be decided, it was agreed that staff and the chair would work through these before a letter is sent.

7. **Winter Conference, December 10.** A tentative list of topics was handed out. This will be a full day of topics on diversity, all plenary sessions. Some ideas include: cultural bias; unconscious prejudice; the Spanish Culture; the Mexican Consulate Office, immigration issues; review of the Hague convention and other various treaties, and obligations under the Homeland Security Act.
8. **2005 Programs.**
  - a. General Orientation Program, January 18-21. The tentative agenda was handed out. Mike Witte reported that most of the sessions are in place. Discussion was had on whether we should videotape both the general orientation and the pre-bench orientation.
  - b. Orientation for new juvenile court judicial officers. The date has not been set, but will be within 2 weeks of the general orientation.
  - c. Spring Judicial College, April 20-22. A tentative list of topics was provided. Other suggestions include victim's rights, the science of meth addiction and appropriate treatment, federal constitutional law, probate, bankruptcy, and comparative law.
  - d. Juvenile Court Judicial Officers Annual Meeting, June 23-24 will be back in Brown County and will be limited to judicial officers.
  - e. Annual Meeting of Judicial Conference, Sept. 14-16 will be in Indianapolis.
  - f. Domestic Relations Workshop will be in November, date TBD.
  - g. Winter Conference, December 9.
9. **Subcommittee Work.**
  - a. The Chair asked for volunteers to review the Mentor Judge Handbook. Greg Donat, Barb Harcourt, Doug Morton, and Jane Magnus Stinson will participate on an ad hoc committee to review the mentor judge program.
  - b. Other areas needing concentrated subcommittee work: The Judicial College subcommittee still has duties, such as reviewing writings submitted by masters' candidates. Other ideas include developing a 'road show,' whereby Judicial Center education staff would have a forum to discuss judicial education needs with judicial officers in different parts of the State. Staff will continue to work on this idea.
10. **The next meeting is Friday, October 29, 1:00-3:30 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

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